**MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Torala*) : Sir, may I know whether a member answering a question can say that the question does not arise; and whether that is not the privilege of the Chair alone ?

**DEPUTY PRESIDENT** : Are you raising a point of order ?

**MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Torala*) : Yes.

**DEPUTY PRESIDENT** : Certainly, in this House it is for the Chair to decide whether a question arises or not. But so far as I have been able to see from the answers, it does not mean that the question does not arise or is irrelevant, but that it is not necessary to answer that question. That is what I understand.

*Appointment of a Lady Doctor in the District Hospital, Changanacherry.*

8. **MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI** (*Changanachery I*) Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Government sanctioned the appointment of a Lady Doctor in the Changanachery Hospital ;

(*b*) if so, when it was sanctioned :

(*c*) whether the sanction was subsequently withdrawn and the appointment transferred to Palai

(*d*) if so, when this decision was arrived at and

(*e*) the considerations that led to the first decision and those that led to the second ?

**RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI** (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Government have not yet sanctioned the appointment of a Lady Doctor in the Changanachery Hospital.

(*b*) to (*e*) In view of answer to part (*a*), these do not arise.

*Forest area in the State.*

9. **MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI** (*Changanachery I*) : Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what portion of the total area of the State is covered by Government-owned forests ;

(*b*) (i) the area reserved as forest, and (ii) the area proposed to be sold ; and

(*c*) the total area of the swampy lands fit for paddy cultivation that comes under each of them ?

**MR. T. C. THOMMEN** (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) 32·6 per cent. of the total area of the State;

(*b*) (i) The area of Reserved Forests at the close of 1108 M. E. was 2,489 sq. miles 34 acres.

(ii) There is no proposal for the sale of any area.

(*c*) 4,588 acres.

**MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI** (*Changanachery I*) : In answer to sub-division (ii) of part (b), the member has stated that no area is proposed to be sold. Have the Government set apart no area that can be sold for purposes of cultivation from these 2489 sq. miles?

**MR. T. C. THOMMEN** (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : The answer is that at present there is no proposal to sell any portion.



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MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : സ്വാമി ഏ
റിയാക്കമ്മറി പതിച്ചുകൊടുക്കണമെന്ന ശുപാർശചെയ്തിട്ടുള്ള ഭൂമി
കം പതിച്ചുകൊടുക്കാതിരിക്കുന്നതുകൊണ്ടു ഗവണ്മെന്റിനും പൊതുജ
നങ്ങൾക്കും നഷ്ടമുണ്ടെന്നുള്ള വിവരം ഗവണ്മെൻറിനറിയാമോ?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : You need not answer that question. The proposal for registry is not raised in the question, and therefore this question does not arise.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : സ്വാമിഏറി
യാക്കമ്മിററി റിപ്പോർട്ട് സമർപ്പിച്ചിട്ടു ഇപ്പോൾ ഏതു വർഷമായി
എന്നു ദയവായി പറയാമോ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) I claim notice.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : ശുപാർശചെ
യ്തിട്ടുള്ള ഭൂമികളെയും പതിച്ചുകൊടുക്കണമെന്നുള്ള ഉദ്ദേശത്തിന്മേലല്ലേ
റിപ്പോർട്ട് സമർപ്പിച്ചതു്?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*) : May I know from the member whether this portion of the swampy lands helps in any way the preservation of the reserved forests?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : Swampy areas are found scattered here and there in the reserved forests.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*) : Are these necessary for the preservation of the reserved forests?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : That question does not arise.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : May I know from the member whether the Government have got any proposal to register or sell any portion of the swampy areas?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : There is no proposal. I have already answered that question.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : It was only with reference to the reserved forests.

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : There is no proposal to sell any portion in the reserved forests.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) ; Not even with reference to the swampy areas ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : There is no proposal in regard to that either.

MR N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*) : റിസവ്വ് വനങ്ങളിൽ നെൽകൃ
ഷിക്കുപയുക്തമായ സ്ഥലം തിരഞ്ഞെടുത്തതിനുള്ള കാരണമെന്താണു്?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : May I know when the total area of the swampy lands fit for paddy cultivation was ascertained?

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MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : I have not got that information.

*Damage caused by floods in Nedumangad taluk.*

10. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they are aware of the floods in Nedumangad taluk in the months of Chingam and Kanni this year;

(*b*) whether the said floods have not seriously affected the paddy cultivation in Nedumangad taluk;

(*c*) what sort of relief the authorities intend giving to mitigate the sufferings of the people who are affected by the recurring floods; and

(*d*) the extent of the damages caused by the said floods ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) :

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The rise of water, however, caused breaches of the bunds of some adjoining paddy fields and also the temporary flooding of such fields to a small extent, but did not cause serious damage of any kind to cultivation in general, unlike the floods of Edavam last.

(*c*) and (*d*) These do not arise in view of the answers to parts (*a*) and (*b*).

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from the member whether any relief work was done with regard to breaches of bunds ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) : As I said in answer to part (*b*), there was no serious breach of bunds. There was temporary flooding of the fields which did not cause any serious damage to the cultivation. Some small breaching was caused.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether Government have got necessary records to show that no serious breaches occurred ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) Yes. That is the report of the Peishkar.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the Revenue Commissioner has inspected any of the places ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) : I cannot say.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether people have petitioned that serious breaches and damages have taken place ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) : I am not aware.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether, when the Government become aware of it, they are prepared to render any relief work ?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : That question need not be answered.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Trivala*) : May I have an idea of what serious damage or breach is that Government would say that it is so?

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